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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GUPTA ET AL.

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2-4.

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

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1. Claims 1-34 are presenting for examination.
2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Uchihachi (US Pat. No. 6,535,639).
4. As to claim 1, Uchihachi shows in Figs 1, 3, 9, a system comprising:
 - a client computer (see col 10, lines 1-3) to;
 - provide skimming level selection information to a user based on a plurality of available skimming levels, see col 10, lines 5-9, lines 16-19;
 - receive a skimming level selection from the user, see col 10, lines 19-21;
 - a server computer, coupled to the client computer, to
 - receive the skimming level selection from the client computer, see col 10, lines 5-9 ;
 - use a playlist of multimedia content corresponding to the skimming level selection, the playlist identifying segments, corresponding to the skimming level selection, see col 10, lines 9-13, lines 16-21; and

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- provide to the client computer, the segments of the multimedia content identified by the playlist, see col 10, lines 12-13, lines 23-27. Also, see the abstract, lines 1-3, 7-12, 14, 19, col 1, lines 9-19, lines 35-37, col 2, lines 3-17, lines 27-31, lines 35-48, lines 54-55, lines 59-60, col 4, lines 65-67, col 5, lines 1-21, lines 65-67, col 6, lines 1-15, col 8, lines 27-39, col 9, lines 12-15, lines 30-63, col 10, lines 1-38, col 11-col 18.

5. As to claims 2-6, The system of Uchihachi shows the client computer presents a user interface with the segments identified by the playlist in which the user can input a skimming level selection by using different ways, see Fig 9, col 2, lines 54-55, lines 59-60, col 10, lines 28-29 .

6. As to claims 7-34, the claims are similar in scope to claims 1-6, and they are rejected under the same rationale.

Therefore, it can be seen from paragraphs 4-6 that Uchihachi anticipates claims 1-34.

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

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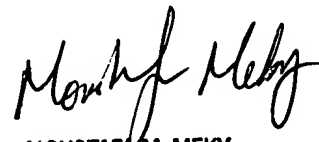
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Moustafa M. Meky whose telephone number is (703) 305-9697. The examiner can normally be reached on week days from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne, can be reached on (703) 308-7562. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-9052.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600. The fax number for official correspondence/amendment is (703) 872-9306.

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December 29, 2003


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